Action Plan for irrigation facilities in Orissa

*38. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any action plan for implementation of Bhimkund multi purpose irrigation project, Anandpur Barrage, renovation of Jakodia Barrage and extension of left canal of Rengali dam for creating adequate irrigation facility in Jajpur district of Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Irrigation being a State subject, irrigation projects including flood control are planned, investigated, funded, executed, operated and maintained by the State Governments themselves as per their own priorities. The Government of Orissa has reported the following plan of action for implementation of Bhimkund Irrigation Project, Anandpur Barrage, Jakodia Barrage and Extension of Rengali Left Bank Canal for creating adequate irrigation facilities in Keonjhar and Jajpur districts of Orissa.

The Bhimkund Irrigation Project is proposed to have a dam on river Baitarni at Rajnagar in Keonjhar District of Orissa to irrigate about 30000 hectare (ha) in Keonjhar District. The survey and investigation works of the project are under progress. The project report is under preparation and detailed study is in process. After preparation of project report the same will be submitted to Central Water Commission (CWC) for approval.

The Anandpur Barrage Project costing Rs. 482.26 crore has been accepted in the 76th meeting of the Advisory Committee of Ministry of Water Resources held on 29.03.01. Steps have been taken for obtaining environmental clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forests as per stipulations of the Advisory Committee.

Jakadia Irrigation Project has been planned which envisages construction of a new barrage across river Kharsuan about 40 km downstream of existing weirs and to renovate the High Level Canal range-II canal system to irrigate 17600 ha of Culturable Command Area. The survey and investigation works of the command area have

been taken up. The detailed project report and estimate are under preparation.

Under Rengali Left Canal system it is proposed to provide irrigation facility in Jajpur District of Orissa. At present work is in progress from 0.00 to 71.313 km of Left Bank Canal funded by World Bank and Japan Bank for International Cooperation in two streches. The work in balance portion will be taken up in due course depending on the availability of funding sources.

Loan for Educated Unemployed Youth in Maharashtra

*39. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of educated unemployed youths in Maharashtra who applied for loan under Prime Minsiter Rozgar Yojana for setting up their own industrial units/business during the last three years;

(b) the number of such applications pending for approval; and

(c) the details of reasons for the delay and what steps Government have taken or propose to take for their speedy disposal?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) As per information furnished by Reserve Bank of India, details of the number of applications received and pending in Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in the State of Maharashtra under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) during the last three years are as under:

Year	Target	No. of applications received	No. of loans sanctioned	No. of loans disbursed	No. of applications pending
2000-01	45,000	62108	31280	23250	9421
2001-02	27,900	51195	23454	17742	6023
2002-03*	27650	43980	20033	13416	9312

*Disbursement permitted upto 30.09.2003.